

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 723

By Rochelle

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mrs. Patsy Meadow
Williams of Smith County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely death of Mrs. Patsy Williams; and

WHEREAS, Patsy Williams was a remarkable public servant and consummate professional who gave unselfishly of herself, her time and her talents to perpetuate the good of her fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, a native of Smith County, Mrs. Williams was a highly respected member and a voice of integrity in the greater Carthage community; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Carthage, Patsy Williams was the only daughter of former Smith County Superintendent of Schools, B. Clark Meadows, and Louise Robinson Meadows, a retired Smith County teacher; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams was an extraordinary educator and administrator who gave unreservedly of herself to develop this state's most precious natural resource, our children; and

WHEREAS, a 1964 graduate of Smith County High School, Mrs. Williams followed in the illustrious footsteps of her parents to pursue a career in education; and

WHEREAS, since 1974, Patsy Williams rendered astute service as Director of the Head Start Center, in which important post she earned the respect of her peers and supervisors alike for her exemplary work; and

WHEREAS, throughout her excellent service, Mrs. Williams adhered to the common sense approach and displayed the common touch in all endeavors, working well with old and young alike; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams faithfully worshiped the Lord as a lifetime member of the Carthage United Methodist Church, which she had served devoutly since her childhood; and

WHEREAS, Patsy Williams was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, Ralph D. Williams, for 18 years; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her husband, Mrs. Williams is also survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Sara Russell of Lebanon; her brother and sister-in-law, Mike and Sherry Meadows of Gordonsville; her stepson, Andy Williams of Ohio; her three step-daughters, Kristi Durham of Ohio, Ona Williams and Shanna Meyerdind of Florida; her seven grandchildren, Collin and Conner Russell of Lebanon, Eliza and Brady Williams, Kary Moore and Justin and Christopher Durham, all of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Patsy Williams leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, friends, colleagues and observers affectionately remember Mrs. Williams as a friendly and caring individual who gave unselfishly of herself for the betterment of those around her; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body should pause in its deliberations to remember the exceptional life of this fine Tennessean and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Mrs. Patsy Meadows Williams, remembering with admiration her impeccable character, her outstanding contributions to the education profession and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy and offer our sincerest condolences to the friends and family of Patsy Williams.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.